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# COURT CASE PAPERS LOST

## EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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RECORDS of a court case which saw two men convicted of abusing boys in Shoebury have been lost.

Staff searched the Chelmsford Crown Court archive last month at the *Yellow Advertiser's* request, but could find no trace of the prosecutions.

The *YA* was seeking paperwork on Dennis King and Brian Tanner, who were jailed in May 1990 for their role in what Essex County Council described in official papers as a "sex ring" targeting "adolescent boys".

Surviving police records show King, then 55 and living in Cunningham Close, Shoebury, was jailed for four years after admitting four counts of gross indecency and three counts of attempted buggery.

Tanner, then 57 and living in

Beedell Avenue, Westcliff, got a three-year term for three counts of gross indecency and three counts of attempted buggery.

Tanner has since died and King no longer lives in Essex.

The *YA* had sought further details from the court, but staff could not locate any records.

Court officers said it was not unusual for detailed paperwork on court cases to be destroyed after seven years.

However, brief records which are usually kept even after the main files are destroyed could not be located either.

A year-long *YA* investigation into historic abuse allegations culminated last month in Essex Police announcing a review of the King and Tanner case, after three whistleblowers reported "serious failures" in the original investigation.

Former charity workers Rob West and Jenny Grinstead, and retired

NHS manager Robin Jamieson, told police that several of the boys whose testimony formed the case against King and Tanner had actually reported abuse by far more men, who were never prosecuted.

They also claimed many alleged victims were never interviewed by police and most of those who were interviewed still did not receive proper aftercare.

Their allegations are corroborated by contemporaneous records and have since been echoed by a fourth whistleblower, who was found by the *YA* and has agreed to cooperate with the Essex Police review.

Essex Police confirmed this week that officers conducting the review have been instructed to track down all surviving paperwork connected to the two men's offending histories.

The *YA* revealed last week that police are also searching for an address book seized from King's flat, which, according to contem-

poraneous paperwork, went missing.

Essex Police has called on victims and witnesses to come forward and assist with the review.

Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston said: "There's an opportunity here to see whether any of those people are perhaps prepared to engage again, if not with police then a professional agency, to see whether there's anything, even at this stage, which can be done to help them."

Anybody with information can call Essex Police on 101.

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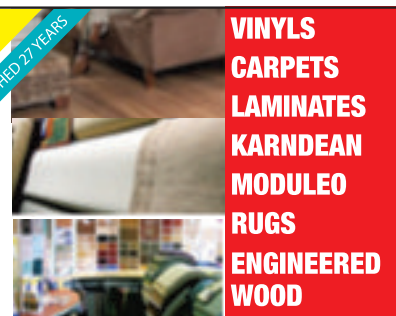
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# Tune into SX appeal

SOUTHEND'S newest radio station went on air at last Friday.

The trio behind FunkySX – Miles Shrimpton, Sam Mansford and Hugh Davies – launched the first broadcast on 103.7 FM and then handed over to DJ Guy Powers.

The friends also run the Funky Academy in Westcliff for the young and underprivileged youngsters of the area, but have now branched out with an urban and dance music radio station, serving Southend and neighbouring areas.

The project received a huge boost in 2013 when it won £50,000 in a public vote for a People's Millions prize, run by the Big Lottery Fund on ITV.

"That was when we realised our dream could come true," said Sam. "We had the cash for equipment and so could finally plan to expand and go an air."

FunkySX is broadcasting from a studio in the house of the former caretaker at Westborough Primary School, Westcliff. Pupils there have been enjoying sessions at the academy.

"We have been working with the school for some time," said Sam. "The kids really enjoy it, and it's great to have such a well set-up studio there."

The station has a five year FM licence and broadcasts 24/7 with a team of DJs.

The Funky Academy is open to all-comers, young and old, beginners or experienced.



MAKING WAVES (l-r) Hugh Davies, Sam Mansford and Miles Shrimpton

## ➤ speedread

### Rape absconder returns for justice

A MAN who absconded from court after being convicted of rape has been arrested. Adrian Horwat, 21, from Southend, was convicted of rape following a trial at Southend Crown Court on Monday, March 14.

He absconded from the court while on bail before the jury were able to return verdicts on four other matters, which he was then later found not guilty of.

Horwat contacted police on Sunday April 3, and was arrested for breaching court-imposed bail restrictions.

### Step forward young traders

YOUNG entrepreneurs can pitch for a Southend High Street stall as part of a 'Love our Local Market' fortnight. Ten successful bidders will get a chance to keep their profits minus the pitch fee.

Judges will be watching the young traders throughout the day (Sunday, May 28) to find Southend's Best Youth Trader 2016 and award the winner with a £100 voucher prize.

Mike Allen, managing director of Essex Farmers Markets, will be joined by the Southend Economic Development team to oversee and support the event.

Anyone interested – between 16 and 24 years old – can get more details and an application form at [visitsouthend.co.uk/\\_previewBusiness-on-Sea-Youth-Market.aspx](http://visitsouthend.co.uk/_previewBusiness-on-Sea-Youth-Market.aspx), or email: [economic@southend.gov.uk](mailto:economic@southend.gov.uk)

The winner will also represent Southend in the National Youth Market in Manchester at the beginning of September, with the chance of winning up to £500. Details for this event are on: [nmf.co.uk/nationalyouthmarket/17-campaigns/114-youthmarkets](http://nmf.co.uk/nationalyouthmarket/17-campaigns/114-youthmarkets)



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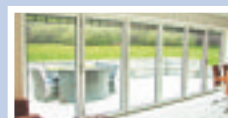
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## NEWS



**LIFT OFF:**  
Sophie Porter flies her kite on the ridge at the country park



# Let's go fly our kites

FAMILIES flocked to a park to try their hand at making kites – and then flew them.

Rangers were on hand at Hadleigh Country Park, last Wednesday, to help as youngsters and their parents learned to master plastic, garden canes and string to produce colourful kites of differing shapes and aerodynamic quality.

Then came the difficult bit, getting

them up into the air after finding a lifting breeze.

Results differed, but a number of kites went up, up and away to the delight of the youngsters holding the strings.

A spokesman from the park rangers said: "This has been one of the successful of our kite making workshops. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves."

**HERE'S ONE WE MADE EARLIER:**  
The Taylor and Salter families join in the kite making workshop at Hadleigh Country Park

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● **VIOLINISTS** Jeremiah Dinan and Stanley Hewitt will play in the latest of the council's free lunchtime concerts on Wednesday, April 13.

The duo, accompanied by Marilyn Goodman, will perform music by Bach, Telemann, Bartok, Handel and Vivaldi at 12.15pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend.

● **VOLUNTARY** organisations from Southend, Castle Point and Rochford won three of the main High Sheriff's awards.

SEEAPOP (South Essex Advocacy for Older People) scooped the Volunteer Centres Essex Award and won £1,000.

Volunteer Scam Buster Team of SAVS (Southend Association of Voluntary Services) won the Essex Police Cup for work supporting older people at risk of being targeted by criminals. While Canvey Island Youth Project won the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Shield plus £1,000 to support young people experiencing emotional difficulties.

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They were at Southend fire station on a Fire Break course designed to show them the skills and discipline it takes to be a firefighter.

Their course ended with a passing out parade on Friday after the youngsters had shown their proud families just how much they had learnt during

the week, which included a realistic rescue from a building – and an opportunity to squirt lots of water from hoses.

Senior divisional officer Julian Ashley said: "Seeing these young people at the pass-out ceremony was truly inspirational."

"They have worked so hard over the week and I could not have been more proud of them or the instructors who worked with them."

Alison Mullins, hospice sibling support worker, added: "I know that all the children who took part this week thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

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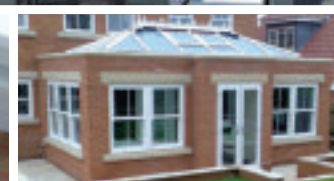
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# 'ON YER BIKE!'

A MOTORCYCLING jam-boree last week ended with the police handing out a barrel load of fines and charges.

More than 20 road policing officers from Essex Police joined colleagues from Norfolk and Suffolk to keep an eye on routes in and around Southend as a biking 'Shakedown' motored into town on Monday, March 28.

However, not all visitors

were on their best behaviour.

Four drivers were driving without insurance and six were found to be driving not in accordance with the terms of their licence.

Three were spotted not wearing a seatbelt and one was using a mobile phone behind the wheel. Four vehicles were found not to have valid MOTs and seven were dealt with for speeding.

Elsewhere, some fourteen people were stopped for careless driving, while two others were charged with possession of class B drugs.

Casualty Reduction Manager Adam Pipe said the majority of motorcyclists were genuine enthusiasts.

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Comedians Jason Manford and Phill Jupitus will be joined by ex-EastEnders stars Martin Kemp and Michelle Collins at the Cliffs Pavilion as part of a UK and Ireland tour.

Based on the 1968 film and Ian Fleming's original story, the show has been adapted for the stage by Jeremy Sams.

The production – presented by Music & Lyrics and West Yorkshire Playhouse – sees Jason Manford as whacky inventor Caractacus Potts and Phill Jupitus in the roles of Lord Scrumptious and Baron Bomburst.

Martin Kemp will play the Childcatcher, while Michelle Collins is Baroness Bomburst. They will be joined by Amy Griffiths (Everyman, Stephen Ward, The Pajama Game) as Truly Scrumptious, and Andy Hockley (The Phantom Of The Opera) as Grandpa Potts.

Talking to the Yellow Advertiser, Andy said: "Audiences are loving it. They go mad for it at the end. It is a very feel good show."

"I'm old enough to remember the film. It is one of those that has stood the test of time."

Grandpa Potts is Andy's first role as a grandad. "It is a fun



READY, SET GO: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang's coming to town

character to play. He has two great songs and he is hopefully very loveable. He is completely bonkers and he keeps on going off to shed/privvy, or 'India'."

The show features a chitty that flies and floats, a wrecked chitty that the children play in and motorbikes.

Andy says he would also love to play another well-known senior citizen – Grandpa Joe from Charlie and the Chocolate factory – and the wizard in Wicked, a part he was offered on the same day as the Chitty role. Luckily for Southend, he opted for the latter.

With the tour of Chitty continuing until February next year, and plans to possibly

extend it to coincide with the film's 50th anniversary in 2018, Andy is in the production for the long haul, and while he misses his family when touring, he says visiting lots of different places is also fun.

The show's run at Cliffs Pavilion, from April 13 to 24, will be the last time Kemp plays the role of The Childcatcher. After the run Jason Manford will be replaced by Rayleigh's Lee Mead between May 4 and September 18, while Jupitus will be replaced by Shaun Williamson from May 4 to August 21.

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In 1564 Queen Elizabeth I granted Copped Hall to her close friend - Sir. Thomas Heneage.

Today, the Racquets Court and the stables have been largely restored, together with other service buildings. Replacement trees have been planted and lawns re-seeded.

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# Army invades Canvey

THE SALVATION Army's newest charity shop was opened on Canvey Island last Thursday by Andrew Sheldon, mayor of Castle Point.

Area manager Salvador Fernandez said: "The shop is looking great and we are looking forward to showing it off."

The new shop in Furtherwick Road was opened by Castle Point mayor Andrew

Sheldon, whose mother Heather is territorial envoy for the movement in Grays.

Mayor Sheldon is joint chaplain while in office.

Mayor Sheldon was joined by town council chairman Peter Greig.

The charity owns Hadleigh Farm, where it runs a centre for rare animal breeds and a training centre for people with special educational needs.



**LIFELINE:** the new Salvation Army Shop. Pictured: The Sally Army's Nikki Newton, Julie Reid and Shirley Buck welcome town council chairman Peter Greig and Castle Point Mayor Andrew Sheldon

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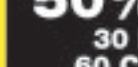
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# Veterinary group to raise cash for children's hospice

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Wylie Vets, which has practices in Upminster and Hornchurch, has chosen Little Havens Hospice as its charity of the year.

Staff will raise money by organising a pampered pooch photo competition, a sponsored dog walk, a raffle and by taking part in the charity's Bit of a Royal Do fundraising campaign in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday.

They will also make a donation of £1 for every vaccination they carry out.

Richard Doyle, owner of Wylie Vets, said: "When we visited the hospice we were touched by the tremendous amount of care and compassion that was shown by all at Little Havens."

"We feel honoured to be able to support this worthy charity. We are looking forward to helping to raise as much as possible at both our Upminster and Hornchurch practices, and want to encourage our customers to really get

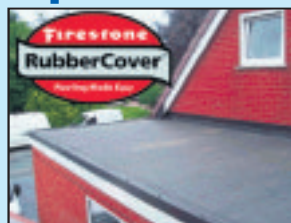
involved by supporting the fundraising activities we have planned."

Little Havens provides specialist care for babies, children and teenagers up to the age of 19 in Essex who suffer from a life-limiting or life-threatening illness.



**WORTHY CAUSE:** Ella Roberts, Sarah Boreham, Emma Tompkins, Danielle Redgrave, Sarah Strange and Laura Bristow, from Wylie Vets, with dogs Mumford, Paloma, Sue, Dan and Wilma

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## Cliffs work is taking too long

I WAS driving along the seafront, past the cliffs that are being repaired after they slipped and were washed away by the rain some time ago (see photo above).

I wonder how long the council has been working on this site, and how much longer it will take to finish? I think it must be months, if not over a year. How much money has been spent on this work, and why has it taken so long?

If it was part of a motorway embankment of this size, it would have been days not months.

Paul Fox  
Leigh-on-Sea

## Academy proposal elitist

IT is essential the electorate sees beyond the iniquitous academy proposal.

This is an extension of policy to take decision-making from the majority, reserving it for an elite group.

The diminution of democracy has occurred under all governments largely at the behest of lobbyists acting for PR companies. MPs of all parties are in their pockets and regretably many Blairites have been complicit for substantial sums.

In addition to defeating academisation Constituency Labour Parties must ensure elected members are not party to this undemocratic activity.

Les Harrington  
Benfleet

## Information is merely supposition

MANY people are being totally confused with the so-called information being given out by the IN/OUT groups of the upcoming referendum.

Most of the information is pure supposition. In other words, what they think might happen, not what WILL happen.

However, there are definite

facts that we can look at, to help us make up our minds.

The jihadist movement that is infiltrating Europe, has publicly claimed it will be attacking the west (and has already started) because it does not agree with our way of life.

Women in this group are third rate citizens, who, if raped, can be stoned to death under sharia law for adultery.

The EU still wants to keep the free movement of people.

Due to the havoc and chaos of mass immigration in Europe caused by Angela Merkel (which she now must be regretting) that has no possible realistic conclusion.

Entire countries will have their way of life changed forever, due to the influx of biblical proportions, of migrants.

The deal with Turkey may halt 11million Syrians, but allows 75m Turks, whose human rights laws are appalling, into Europe. Some deal.

In the EU, Britain has only 29 votes, and has never been able to overturn any decision made in Brussels, effectively making us a small-time player.

Only 49 per cent of our goods go to the EU, which says that 51 per cent go to the rest of the world, so there is a market outside the EU.

The EU has never had its accounts signed off in 20 years. Can we say that Britain's economic future can only improve if we stay in this stagnating European federation? I very much doubt it.

The points made here are facts. What you will be voting for is freedom and democracy, not staying in a cosy club for

the EU elite. Freedom to choose our own laws, parliament and the people we need to make this country work.

Not something imposed on us by unelected commissioners from another country.

This is something our forefathers in two world wars fought and died for.

Lastly, if we were not in the EU, would you now be voting to join?

The EU fears that if we leave, the whole thing will fall apart. Let's hope it will.

Clr Alan Bayley  
UKIP Castle Point

## Striking is a fundamental right

MR Frederick Noakes (Strike action should be illegal - *YA, Letters April 1*) is wrong in that strikers are not retrospectively paid for the days they are on strike and employment law assumes that the union will pay them, even if they don't.

I guess that Mr Noakes is one of those extreme ideological right wingers who believe any worker's rights are a threat, and is in favour of a free market that allows the likes of Tata Steel to pull up stakes and relo-

cate to any county they think better, destroying whole communities in the process.

International law recognises that the ability to strike is a fundamental right and to deny that right is very close to slavery.

This government has done long-term harm to the NHS and continues to do so. We mustn't forget that the Tories were opposed to a NHS in the first place.

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I, like many others, very much hope the doctors are successful.

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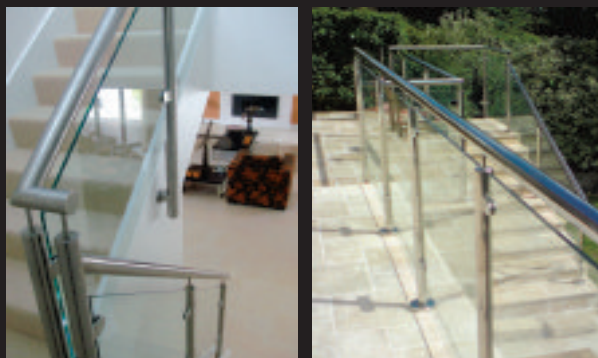
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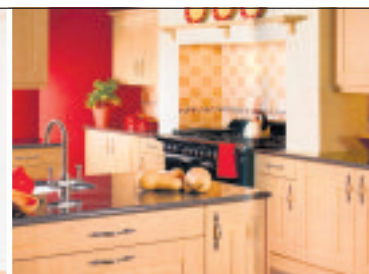
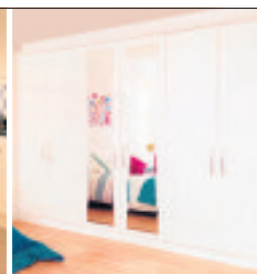
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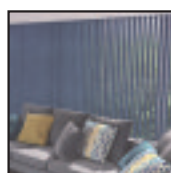
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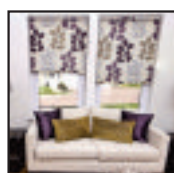


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RAUCOUS: Nichola McAuliffe, left, is Stella Silver and Carol Sloman, Casey, in *The Silver Gym*

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Comedy premiere set for Hornchurch stage

By **LIZ WADE**

**T**HE world premiere of *The Silver Gym*, a raucous comedy written by and starring Olivier Award-winning actress, Nichola McAuliffe, will take to the stage at Queen's Theatre this month.

The production, which is at the Hornchurch theatre from April 15 to May 7, features some of the country's funniest and most talented performers including the actress and stand-up comedienne, Pauline Daniels, and a vocal cameo by Christopher Biggins.

Ex-army captain Stella Silver, played by Nichola, is starting afresh and has just bought herself a gym. Well, it's a building, with running water, sometimes.

The regulars are mostly in the autumn of their years and don't know their bench presses from their bus passes, or their dumbbells from their digestives – they just want a cuppa and a laugh.

Add dodgy developers trying to get their hands on the place and poor Stella has her work cut out.

Can she whip the gym and her motley crew into shape?

Nichola, an accomplished playwright, actress, novelist and journalist, has worked extensively on both stage and screen and won an Olivier Award for Best Actress for her role in musical, *Kiss Me Kate*.

As well as being well known as Sheila Sabatini in ITV's *Surgical Spirit*, Nichola has worked alongside Martin Sheen and Michelle Pfeiffer, appeared on *Coronation Street* and in the Bond classic *Tomorrow Never Dies*, as well as *Doctor Who* and the popular comedy *My Family*.

Pauline, who plays Cerise, is an award-winning actress and comedienne who has performed in theatres across the UK and West End including the London Palladium. She is also a familiar face on television, from her time as Maria in *Brookside*.

The *Silver Gym* will also see the return to Hornchurch of director Glen Walford, who has an international reputation as a wonderfully inventive theatre-maker.

At the Queen's, Glen directed a critically-acclaimed production of *Women on the Verge of*

HRT and a casino-inspired *Merchant of Venice*. She has also worked around the world on a variety of projects – from Shakespeare in Kyoto to HMS Pinafore in California.

Joining them will be a cast with an enormously diverse wealth of experience, including Susan Aderin, Suzanna Bygrave, Kim Ismay – star of the West End's *Mamma Mia!* – Houmi Miura, Carol Sloman and Peter Straker.

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## Matt Monro tribute

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Also at the theatre this month you can see Chris Dean Sings Matt Monro, as part of the theatre's Magical Matinee series, on Saturday, April 23.

Featuring the Chris Dean Big Band and inspired by Monro's voice, Dean of The Syd Lawrence Orchestra pays homage to the man with the golden voice through a range of swinging hits including Born Free, Portrait of My Love, On Days Like These, Softly, From Russia with Love and more.

The Band of the Parachute Regiment will be at the theatre a day later, when they will be performing in aid of armed forces charity SSAFA, while musical – Ireland's Call – from the producers of the Essence of Ireland, can be seen on Monday, April 25.

This uplifting musical, which is bursting with dance, follows the story of a man who leaves Ireland, and his childhood sweetheart, to go in search of a better life, and includes

songs such as Galway Girl, Tell Me Ma, I Loved Her First and Irish Rover.

In the theatre's foyer there will be even more including Frank Sinatra – His Way on Sunday, April 10, when the remarkable life of Sinatra is performed by award-winning singer Robert Habermann.

The performance will start with the 1940s and travels through decades of song, from his first hit All or Nothing at All and 1950s swing favourites such as Come Fly with Me, to iconic anthems My Way and New York, New York.

Fairlyties Choir – Great Britannia will be in the foyer on Friday, April 15, when they will be showcasing the best of British with musical hits, pop and folk songs, and poetry from all corners of the British Isles during a special year that celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday.

■ For further information and tickets to see The Silver Gym at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, from April 15 to May 7, or any of the other productions, call the box office on 01708 443333 or book online at queens-theatre.co.uk.

## Snow way to make a sequel

THE HUNTSMAN: WINTER'S WAR (12A, 117 mins)

MIRROR mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? Alas, not Cedric Nicolas-Troyan's functional prequel-cum-sequel to the 2012 fantasy Snow White And The Huntsman, which promises a yarn that comes long before happily ever after.

The Huntsman: Winter's War boasts jaw-dropping costumes, sets and production design, plus special effects-laden action sequences awash with rampaging goblins and a shape-shifting arch-villainess.

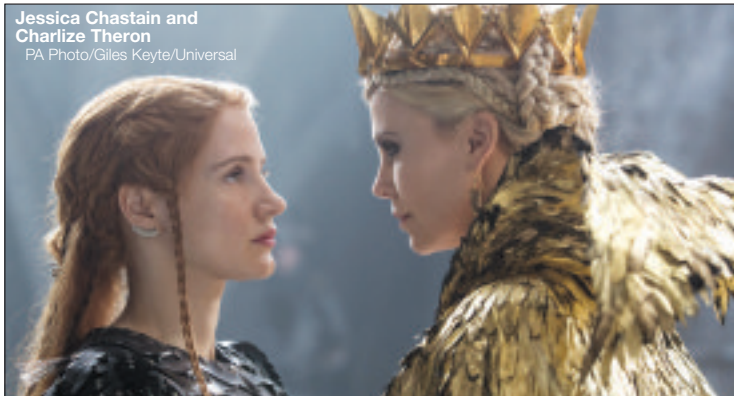
However, all of the slick, digitally rendered beauty cannot disguise uneven performances and a plodding script by Evan Spiliotopoulos and Craig Mazin, which cynically melds Hans Christian Andersen's The Snow Queen and the Brothers Grimm to woo audiences, who hanker for a live-action version of Frozen.

Kristen Stewart is noticeably absent as Snow White, but appears fleetingly in flashback. Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron reprise their roles as swaggering hero and scheming megalomaniac on a collision course with destiny.

If risible regional accents were a crime punishable under UK law, Oscar-nominated actress Jessica Chastain would be sentenced to life without parole. Her gung-ho attempts at a Scottish burr catalyse several moments of unintentional hilarity when her acrobatic warrior isn't somersaulting through breathlessly orchestrated fight sequences.

Queen Ravenna (Theron) rules over her realm in the south with a steely glare, aided by the magic mirror.

Jessica Chastain and Charlize Theron  
PA Photo/Giles Keyte/Universal



Her kind-hearted younger sister, Freya (Emily Blunt), falls madly in love with the Duke of Blackwood (Colin Morgan), who is promised to another, and falls pregnant with his child.

Shortly after the birth of a baby girl, the duke torches the infant in its crib, unleashing a wave of grief and fury in Freya that transforms her into The Ice Queen.

She moves north, establishes her own kingdom and kidnaps children from nearby villages to mould into an army of heartless soldiers.

"Do not love. It's a sin... and I shall not forgive it," snarls Freya to her trembling charges.

Two of her finest warriors – Eric (Hemsworth) and Sara (Chastain) – defy this edict as adults and are cruelly punished.

Seven years later (taking us beyond the events of the previous film), Snow

White has vanquished Ravenna, but the magic mirror continues to exert a malevolent control.

Eric leads a mission to consign the golden adornment to sanctuary, aided by dwarf Nion (Nick Frost) and his half-brother Gryff (Rob Brydon).

The Huntsman: Winter's War barely breaks sweat as it warps familiar fairy tales to facilitate a heavy-handed fable about love's redemptive glow.

Blunt's solid portrayal of warped motherhood compensates for Theron's campy theatrics that threaten to nudge a bloodthirsty conflict into the realms of pantomime.

Hemsworth glowers, Chastain simpers and Frost and Brydon provide comic relief alongside Sheridan Smith and Alexandra Roach as a pair of potty-mouthed female dwarfs.

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While it was destroyed by fire just 16 days later, typical Victorian vigour saw the palace rebuilt and reopened in 1875. Since then it has enjoyed a history of public entertainment, including being the birthplace of the BBC on November 2, 1936, when the world's first regular high-definition public TV broadcast took place at the palace.

The area occupied by the BBC, as well as the palace's Palm Court, were the only parts of Alexandra Palace to escape damage in a second fire in 1980, which destroyed the great hall, banquet suite, the former roller rink and the theatre dressing rooms.

Following restoration work the palace reopened in 1988, and the huge historical building as well as

its Grade II listed English Heritage parkland, continue to provide a place for recreational use.

Visitors to the park will discover panoramic views of London's skyline from Canary Wharf to St Paul's Cathedral and the Shard, making it a great place to enjoy a picnic.

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POPULAR: Alexandra Palace and below, pedalos on the lake



and two children. While under-tuos ride for free, be aware that babies under 12 months are not permitted.

While you are there you can see Leo the Lion, a popular bronze sculpture by the boating lake that has been climbed on by thousands of children over the last 40 years.

Sir Charles Wheeler, who has

worked on the Bank of England and a fountain in Trafalgar Square, was commissioned to produce the lion for the park's former children's zoo in 1973.

Now also open in the park is the pitch-and-putt course, which is open from 10am on weekdays and 9am at weekends until dusk, right up until the autumn.

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Visitors can also find a weekly Farmers' Market most Sundays, a deer and skate park, walking



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There is also a children's soft play area in the park by the grove and a second in the palace, along with an ice rink and a programme of events throughout the year.

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### Saturday, April 9

- Discover Shoebury's Heritage photo exhibition - St Peter's Church Hall, Hinguar Street, 2-4pm, admission £2 (schoolchildren £1).
- Wickford Horticultural Society Spring Show - Christ Church, Ladygate, Wickford. 2pm. Free entry.
- Rayleigh History Walk - Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, £2, details Mike 01268 775328.
- South East Essex Ramblers - 5.5-mile walk around Stock, 10.15am. Details 07860 738777.
- Basildon Saturday Club - For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

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### Sunday, April 10

- South East Essex Ramblers - 5.5-mile walk around Orsett, 10.15am start.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm, 01702 345247.
- Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11am, details Mo 07757 658799 or 07842 211218.

### Monday, April 11

- Games Club - St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet - Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. John Sharpe, saxophone, Mike Warner, guitar 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Club 50+ - 18 Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Biscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club - 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: whist

- 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
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- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes - Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
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- Duplicate Bridge - Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop - St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group - 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Landon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371, email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh - welcomes new members. Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls - in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Pittville Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
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- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2,

## what's on

- Paddocks, Long Road, Carvey, 7.30pm, £3, all profits to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, 01268 691922.
- Healing in Basildon - 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSS healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild - Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street, SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.

### Tuesday, April 12

- IT help sessions - Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
- Magic: The Gathering Club - play and trade, beginners welcome, Landon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm, email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northwold Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £3, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
- Social Dance - 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
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■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.  
■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.  
■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.  
■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.  
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■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 3.30-5.30pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.  
■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per

session, details 01702 341250.  
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.  
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.  
■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years. 01702 577656.  
**Wednesday, April 13**  
■ Wickford Wildlife Society – talk by Bill Coster on Travels through the UK, Our Lady's Church Hall, 61 London Road, Wickford, SS12 0AW. 8pm.  
■ South East Essex Ramblers – 11.5-mile walk Stebbing to Great Bardfield, 9am. Details 07532 147207 or 07905 601284. Five-mile walk Priory Park to Belfairs Park, 10am, details 01702 619132.  
■ Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.30-11am. 01702 552260.  
■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.  
■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.  
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. leighsingles.co.uk.  
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, over-18s, £4. 01268 752473.

# Win tickets to NATIONAL PET SHOW



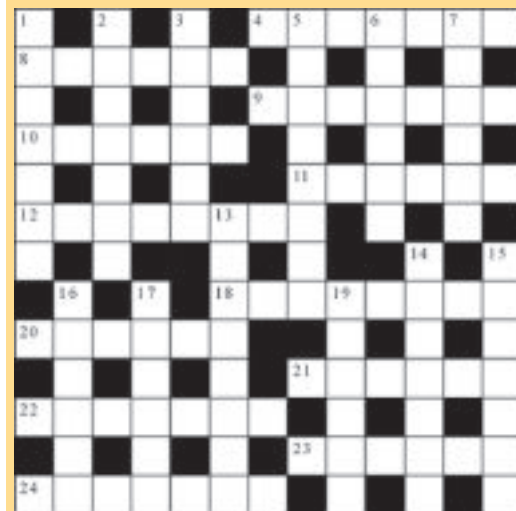
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**C: Trude Mostue**  
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## double crossword



### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Stain of conspiracy in half the school (7)
- Versed in getting sort of licence? (6)
- Searches for food, taking a very long time (7)
- Tell how to see a connection? (6)
- Get ale for shattered bird (6)
- Undiplomatic troupe leader left without a turn (8)
- Nine acts for example (8)
- Get back a reign (6)
- Rare collection thanks to mistakes (6)
- Satisfied with what is inside (7)
- Make up one's mind, as EEC did wrongly (6)
- Man rued not carrying weapons (7)

### DOWN

- Work in the theatre (7)
- To which love is the key? (7)
- Spoilt weapon (6)
- Demos in favour of examinations (8)
- Colour of circle on shooting practice area (6)
- 150 always bright (6)
- Dignitary on hill? (8)
- Customarily live here (7)
- Argued about cricket equipment indeed (7)
- The glory of the Empire, now no more (6)
- Does he experience delay in service? (6)
- Sailor has to obtain what he aims for (6)

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Attribute (7)
- Jubilant (6)
- Desert (7)
- Motionless (6)
- Departure (6)
- Cheat (8)
- Dormant (8)
- Hate (6)
- Remember (6)
- Fir tree (7)
- Vitality (6)
- Copious (7)

### DOWN

- Keep on (7)
- Devilish (7)
- Following (6)
- Sink (8)
- Chance (6)
- Accent (6)
- Languid (8)
- Competition (7)
- Nimbleness (7)
- Diversion (6)
- Alleviation (6)
- Immune (6)

### Last week's solutions

Across: 1 Dry-cleaning; 9 Act; 10 ill at ease; 11 Drape; 13 Addendum; 14 Shave; 16 Hebrew; 18 Trainee; 19 Saloon; 20 Youths; 21 Cue; 22 Temperature; 23 Dance band; 24 Test cricket.  
Down: 2 Lure; 3 Ideal; 4 Midday; 5 Twaddle; 6 Scoundrel; 7 Insensitive; 8 Breadwinner; 12 Premature; 15 Kinship; 17 Hand-grenade; 18 Seed a letter; 19 All at once; 19 Subject; 17 Hepair; 19 Medoc; 21 Tie.

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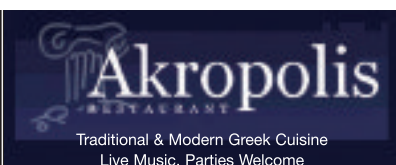
# Fine Indian cuisine at Blue Chutney

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Up-and-coming tribute nights, which include a four-course set meal, include Phil Collins on Friday, April 22, at £24.95 per head.

Throughout 2016 diners are invited to party at the Blue Chutney thanks to its drinks promotion every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Enjoy a starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king prawn extra £3.30) and as much drink as you want for one hour 45 minutes.

You **must** book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £21.95 per person on Wednesdays and £25.95 on Fridays.

Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin,

whisky and brandy – as well as Baileys, Malibu, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the bottle and champagne, terms and conditions apply).

On Sundays and Thursdays there is a five-course banqueting night at Blue Chutney which includes one starter, one main course, one side dish and any one sundries, plus coffee, for only £10.95 on Sunday and £11.95 on Thursday. Again table bookings in advance are required.

The Blue Chutney, which offers a full take-away service with free local delivery, is open Monday to Sunday lunchtime from noon to 2pm, as well as from 5.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Thursday; 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and from 5pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

For further information or to make a reservation call the Blue Chutney on 01268 763866, e-mail [bluechutney@hotmail.com](mailto:bluechutney@hotmail.com), or visit [blue-chutney.com](http://blue-chutney.com).



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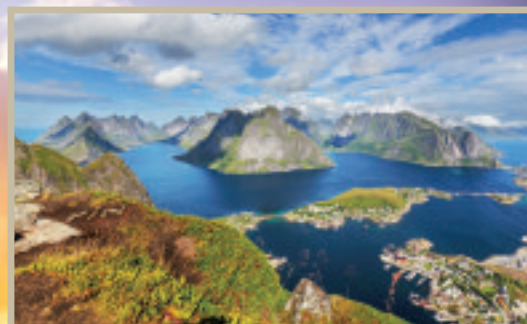
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Cruise Programme	Departure Dates	Days	1st Person	2nd Person
<b>Amsterdam &amp; Antwerp Weekend</b>	25 Aug	4	£419	<b>FREE</b>
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<b>British Isles Discovery</b>	4 Sep	10	£1,339	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Baltic Cities &amp; St Petersburg</b>	13 Sep	13	£1,739	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Majestic Fjordland</b>	25 Sep	8	£989	<b>FREE</b>
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### Beaumont Court, Southend

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Beaumont Court offers such exciting new lifestyle opportunities in Southend that its high specification apartments, marketed by haart, are being snapped up as soon as they are released.

The development is in the process of being created within an old office block that was derelict for 15 years.

This is one of a number of office buildings being redeveloped on Victoria Avenue, creating an exciting area that will have a range of accommodation, as well as exclusive cafés, bars and restaurants.

It is just a two-minute walk from the town centre and train station – and Beaumont Court, which has views over Priory Park, will be the biggest development of all.

Due for completion by autumn 2017, the breathtaking complex will feature

280 one and two-bedroom apartments, all with a high specification and luxury hotel-style finish.

A spacious duplex penthouse is also in the planning process.

The complex will have a concierge service, exclusive gym with free membership for residents and two stunning roof terraces with far-reaching views.

Parking spaces are available for an additional £10,000 on top of the property price but there will be the option to hire vehicles through an on-site car club and each apartment comes with a cycle rack.

Most of the apartments – currently retailing off-plan from £160,000 (one bedroom) and from £170,000 (two bedrooms) – are being bought by investors. The majority are expected to go to owner occupiers as the development progresses.

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### **Waters Edge - refurbished apartment £285,000**

Keys available to view this beautifully refurbished first floor apartment situated on the cliffs at Westcliff on Sea with lovely Easterly views of the Estuary towards Southend Pier. Westcliff station, beach and Cliffs Pavilion are all within walking distance. This superb flat has two bedrooms, a spacious lounge leading out to a LARGE BALCONY, new luxury kitchen, LARGE GARAGE and secured residents parking. Ref ett5411



### **Two bedroom ground floor flat with lovely garden £199,995**

Exceptional and immaculate ground floor purpose built two bedroom flat with a lovely rear garden situated in a popular and convenient location of Westcliff on sea, walking distance of Chalkwell Park and Station. The property offers a spacious lounge, good size fitted kitchen, luxury bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating. KEYS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. ETL5401



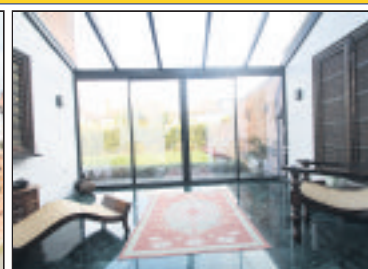
### **Charming cottage in South West France £126,000**

A lovely stone cottage with two double bedrooms, lounge with feature fireplace, bathroom, small office/bedroom three, spacious cellar, large fitted kitchen. Situated in one of the prettiest villages in France. We are instructed to offer this property for sale by one of our clients and interested parties will be put in touch with the client who will be able to provide further information and arrange a viewing of this charming property.



### **4 BED Detached house on 250' WEST BACKING PLOT £579,995**

Detached family house on a FABULOUS 250' WEST FACING PLOT with a wonderful 180' rear garden. Situated in sought after location within the King John School catchment area and close to Hadleigh Country Park. Four bedrooms, en suite shower, large lounge, dining room, 18'3 x 13' rear lounge, 18' x 16'2 luxury kitchen / breakfast room, cloaks/w.c., garage and parking for five cars. 22' x 12' garden cabin. Ref ett5391



### **Leigh-on-sea £1,500,000**

A stunning landmark property which has been restored to its original Edwardian grandeur by the current owners. Sought after location near Chalkwell Station & Leigh Road/Broadway. Standing on a large double plot with walled gardens, double garage with in/out driveway & R/C gates. Large accommodation ideal for dual family living, LIFT for easy access from ground floor to the first floor. In 2012 no expense was spared by the owner in creating a magnificent example of an early Edwardian home with a wealth of elegant original features with all the latest luxury features too! NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS HELD.

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### **Large two bedroom ground floor flat, for the over 55's £240,000**

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## Southend On Sea £170,000



Being situated within a popular location close to Southend seafront and within close proximity of railway station is this well maintained modern purpose built second floor apartment offering quality fixtures and fittings throughout and benefitting from a lounge with access to own private balcony, two bedrooms, main also with balcony access, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom/wc, there is allocated parking with further visitors permit parking available, No onward chain.

## Southend On Sea £174,950



Immaculate and spacious ground floor purpose built apartment located just off of Southend seafront within a highly sought after development. There is a large open plan lounge/diner, separate fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and two bedrooms, the main having en-suite, with a further bathroom/wc. Allocated parking and own garden personal seating area. No onward chain.

## Southend On Sea £875 pcm



Brand new apartment offering spacious accommodation throughout. Large lounge incorporating kitchen with built in oven and hob and space for appliances. Two double bedrooms, bathroom / wc with shower over, esp a 2. lift and stairs to floors. Keys held for viewing.

## Southend On Sea £625 pcm



Recently converted second floor apartment situated above a shop along the High Street opposite Marks and Spencers, large lounge incorporating kitchen area with integrated oven and four ring hob, stainless steel extractor fan, recess for fridge and freezer, plumbing and access for washing machine, double bedroom, shower with separate wc, full gas central heating and double glazing, permit parking available.



## SHOEBURYNESSE SHOP TO LET £4,250 PER ANNUM

This lock up shop consists of a main sales area with kitchen area and toilet to the rear. There is a forecourt area to display goods.

## SOUTHEND ON SEA SHOP TO LET £7,500 PER ANNUM



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## SOUTHEND ON SEA OFFICE FOR SALE £235,000 F/HOLD

This detached office building benefits from a reception area, two ground floor offices and kitchen. The first floor provides a further two offices and male and female toilets to the rear. Parties may wish to consider a change of use to residential dwelling(s) subject to the necessary planning consent.



## SOUTHEND OFFICE TO LET £6,500 PER ANNUM

Situated in Clarence Street located directly off of the main High Street, Southend, this building forms part of the original office area of the Town and is close to mainline railway station and public car park.

## WESTCLIFF ON SEA OFFICE TO LET £8,500 PER ANNUM



Tastefully converted rear office suite which consist of main office area, kitchen, carpet tile flooring, communal toilets and two parking spaces.



## WESTCLIFF ON SEA STORAGE UNITS TO LET £5,500 PER ANNUM

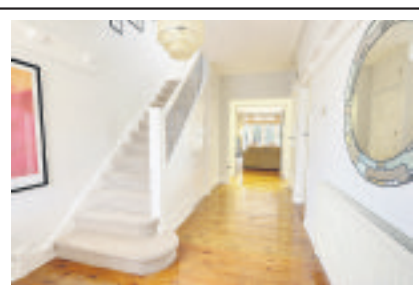
The premises are arranged as three separate units which could be used for a variety of business uses. The middle unit could be used as an office with kitchen and toilet facilities. The left hand unit could be used for secure parking for one maybe two vehicles or storage. The right hand unit lends itself as further storage.





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## The Drive, Westcliff on Sea

**Four Bedrooms £800,000**

Guide Price £800,000- £830,000 Situated in one of Chalkwell Hall's most sought after turnings with a west backing rear garden is this fabulous four bedroom detached family home. It has been cleverly extended to provide spacious living accommodation and boasts an attached garage, off street parking and a wonderful west facing balcony with estuary views. Early viewing is essential to fully appreciate this stunning family home which is also located within the Chalkwell Hall School Catchment. Many original features throughout.

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### Tattersall Gardens, Leigh on Sea

**Five Bedrooms £700,000**

A surprisingly spacious five bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after marine estate and within the highly regarded west leigh school catchment. Walking distance of Leigh station. Lots of scope and potential to extend and create further living accommodation, an early viewing is an absolute must to appreciate what's on offer.

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### Beach Avenue, Leigh on Sea

**Four Bedrooms £550,000**

Open Day Saturday 9th April between 2pm - 3pm. Situated south of Leigh Road and therefore within walking distance of the beach and mainline railway station giving access to London Fenchurch Street can be found this attractive and characterful four bedroom detached house which boasts a wealth of original features and comes with the rare bonus of off street parking and lots of scope to extend either to the side or into the roof space.

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### Southbourne Grove, Westcliff

**Two Bedrooms £400,000**

A large two bedroom bungalow with exceptional potential and two reception rooms, a detached garage and a grand frontage providing ample off street parking. With a west backing garden in excess of 100' and no onward chain.

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### Leigham Court Drive, Leigh

**Three Bedrooms £325,000**

Fantastic first and second floor apartment, located south of London road and therefore within walking distance of the bustling Broadway, beach and mainline railway station giving direct access to London Fenchurch Street. An impressive property offers 3/4 bedroom, a modern fitted kitchen/diner and west facing lounge.

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### Fernleigh Drive, Leigh on Sea

**Three Bedrooms £450,000**

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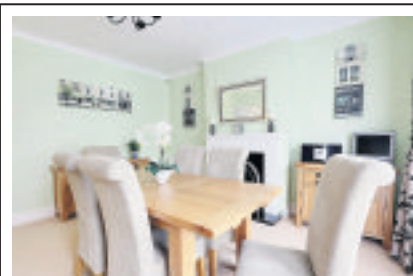


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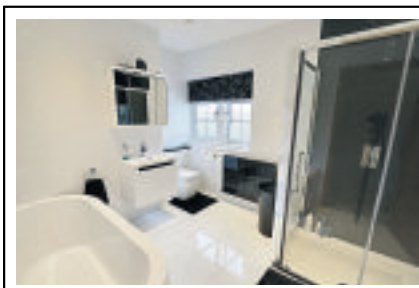
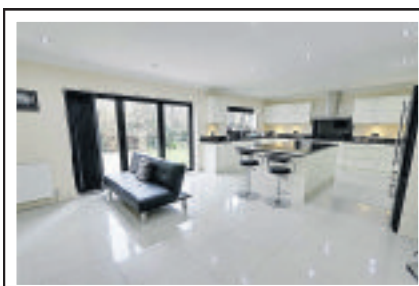


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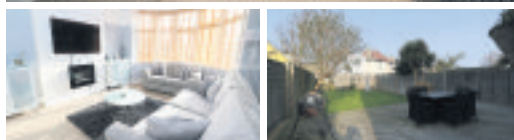


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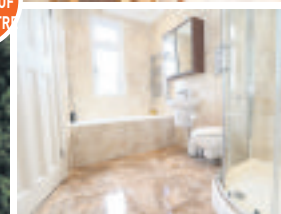
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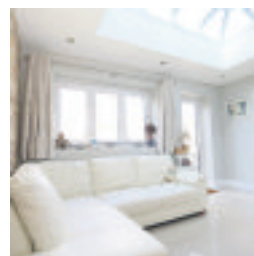
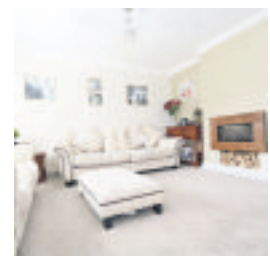
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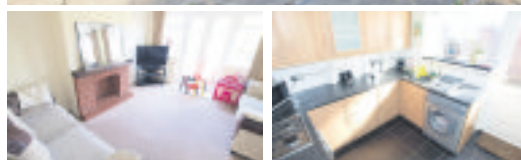
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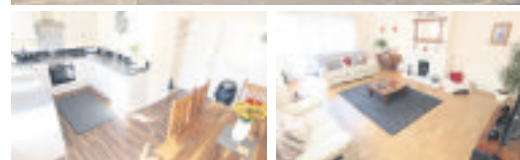
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If you serve the notice after the end of the fixed term, i.e. the tenancy has become a periodic tenancy (see below for definition), then a section 21(4)(a) notice is used.

**Procedure during fixed term**

You have to give the tenant a minimum of two months' notice to end the lease and get the property back at the end of the fixed term. The notice period begins when the tenant receives the section 21 notice. The tenant does not have to leave the property until the two months' notice period has expired. You can send the notice more than two months before the end of the lease but the tenant does not have to leave before the end of the fixed term.

**Procedure after fixed term**

If the tenancy agreement continues after the fixed term (because you haven't sent a section 21 notice during the fixed term) it becomes a statutory periodic tenancy which continues from month to month (or week to week, depending on how often the rent is paid).

To end the lease in these circumstances there is a slightly different procedure for serving the section 21 notice. You must give a minimum of two months' notice and the date specified for possession must be the last day of a period of the tenancy.

For example: a six-month tenancy agreement ends on 11th May and rent is paid monthly. No notices to quit are served so the tenancy agreement continues as a statutory periodic tenancy from 12th May. The last day of a period of the periodic tenancy would therefore be the 11th of each month. The section 21 notice must therefore expire on the 11th of a month.

If the correct procedure is followed the court will grant a possession order if the tenant refuses to leave the property. If the tenant still refuses to leave despite a court order being granted, the tenant can be evicted by county court bailiffs.

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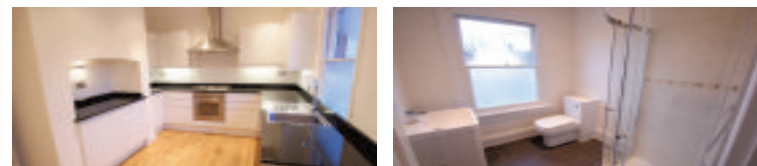


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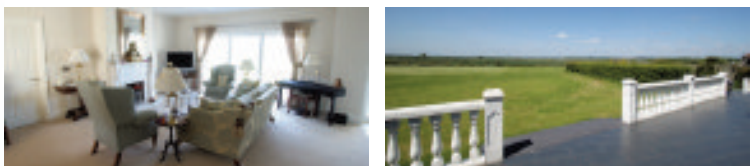
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## BMW keeps it nice and threesy

By Ian Donaldson

YOU know a car is important to its maker when the first 25 pages of the info pack for road testers is all about the vehicle's heritage. Only then do you arrive at today's machine.

Which in this case is the latest version of the car that means perhaps more than anything to BMW – the 3 Series.

More than 14million have been sold since the first one appeared as a modestly-sized sporty saloon in 1975.

Today, around one in four BMWs sold around the world is a 3 Series. So its continuing success, against ever stronger opposition (Jaguar's XE is the latest) could not be more important for the Bavarian car maker.

That means you tinker with the basics at your peril. Much more sensible to advance in small steps, making successive models a bit faster, slightly more economical and making sure there are enough versions to tempt the maximum number of potential buyers.

Which, in the case of UK 3 Series buyers, means at least 112 different types to consider, from modest rear-wheel drive petrol models to big diesel bruisers with all-wheel drive and enough attitude to take pole position in the company car park.

That's before you take in the list of possible options. Always a German car maker's speciality, you can go crazy with the tick boxes and end up with something like the car on



**POISE AND BALANCE:** BMW 320d xDrive M Sport Auto

test. It was laden with an extraordinary £12,010 of options. Decide that after all you could live without a front armrest with sliding adjustment and already you've clawed back £45 (and every little helps). You don't have to take any of the options, although you won't see many 3 Series without metallic paint (£645) and heated front seats (£325) ought to be standard.

But back to the car; put it next to a just superseded version and you'd need to be a BMW anorak to spot the difference. Tiny changes to air intakes and lights are the signs, while inside you might spot a bit of

high gloss black and cup holders with a sliding cover.

Under the bonnet all the petrol engines and most of the diesels are new to the 3 Series, with useful gains in economy and emissions the result.

BMW knows it has to maintain its reputation as a maker of cars with a sporty feel and its engineers worry about the details, to the extent that the front suspension now uses five bolts to hold it to the body instead of three. That means less distortion and a purer feel when you're pressing on.

Which you may want to do in a car like the

model on test. Slipping into the hip-hugging front seats (a part of the £2,500 you pay for the M Sport package) you know instantly that BMW sweats the details.

So the pedals are in precisely the right place, the instruments big, bold and easily read and there's a general air of sober sense and lots of well applied black.

You might find the stiffened suspension a bit grumbly over poor road surfaces but the poise and balance of the car is compensation enough.

The eight-speed automatic gearbox comes into its own when you feel less like a potential F1 entrant – perhaps on the way home after a hard day at the office when nothing went right.

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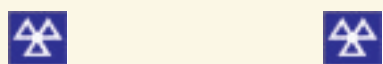
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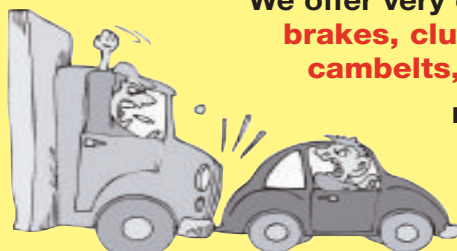
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## HAMMERS HOLD ON FOR A POINT

### West Ham United

#### West Ham United 2 Crystal Palace 2

**Brian Jeeves reporting from Upton Park**  
WEST Ham were held by struggling Palace on a dramatic afternoon that saw Dimitri Payet score a contender for goal of the season and Cheikhou Kouyate controversially sent off after a clash with Eagles substitute Dwight Gayle.

Despite time running out at the famous ground, Upton Park has become something of a fortress for the Hammers this season.

West Ham went into the match unbeaten in their previous 12 home games with a top four finish within their grasp.

Alan Pardew's Palace arrived just two places above the drop zone following a winless run stretching back to mid-December.

But the Eagles can point to contrasting fortunes in the FA Cup, which had seen them beat Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane, further proof that they were more than capable of upsetting the Hammers' applecart.

The hosts enjoyed the better of early exchanges. Michail Antonio tested Palace goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey with a crisp drive from distance, while Emmanuel Emenike was close to making a telling contact with Aaron Cresswell's centre.

But it was Palace who took the lead. Adrian flapped at Bakary Sako's dead ball effort and Damien Delaney nodded into an unguarded goal. But the lead was short-lived.

Payet picked out Manuel Lanzini and the Argentine beat Hennessey with a crisp strike into the bottom corner of the net.

The Hammers were clearly boosted by the goal. Hennessey was tested in quick succession by Diafra Sakho and Payet, while the lat-

ter's free kick was too high as the hosts pushed forward. At the other end, Jason Puncheon was a whisker away after meeting Pape Souare's deep cross.

West Ham continued to press. Sakho nodded Payet's troublesome flag-kick the wrong side of an upright. However, just before the break Palace were undone with a stroke of pure genius.

Payet's outrageously whipped free-kick zipped high beyond Hennessey, literally bringing the disbelieving house down in the process.

After the break West Ham continued to press. Hennessey clung on to Lanzini's dipping drive. Palace should have restored parity when substitute Gayle was thwarted by Adrian, then Sako's follow-up was hacked off the line by Cresswell.

But then a flashpoint. Cheikhou Kouyate thundered in on Gayle, seemingly fairly, but referee Mark Clattenburg showed little hesitation in brandishing a straight red card.

Buoyed by the decision, Palace went in search of an equaliser.

Adrian used his feet to save from skipper Mile Jednick, but with 15 minutes remaining Gayle was on hand to punish a mix-up between Angelo Ogbonna and Winston Reid, side-footing low past Adrian.

In the final stages Reid produced a brave block to deny Sako, while Adrian again used his feet, this time to save from Puncheon.

After the game, Hammers boss Slaven Bilic was reluctant to discuss Kouyate's red card, saying: "I don't want to talk about it. I want to talk about the game. We played good football and they were dangerous from set-pieces."

"It was more than the result, it was the way we played. We were dominating and close to

scoring a third goal. It wouldn't have put the game to bed, but it would have put us in a more comfortable position."

"In the second half, their step was stronger without creating too many chances, but what happened had a huge impact on the game."

On Payet's goal, Bilic added: "He created the kind of magic that is simply unbelievable."

Palace chief Pardew said: "There were a lot of talking points in the game because it was a terrific game of football, a tribute to this stadium, which is sadly soon to be no more."

"But the sending off was the key moment. For me it looked harsh."

"Ironically we had Dwight Gayle sent off at the beginning of the season and we thought that was harsh, so that kind of evened itself out."

"But then we really pushed. But we had pushed before the sending off. We were much better in the second half."

"If someone had offered me a draw at 2-1 down at West Ham in the form they're in, I would have taken it so I can't complain."

West Ham face another London Premier League derby when Arsenal visit Upton Park on Saturday, April 9 (12.45pm).

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell, Cheikhou Kouyate, Diafra Sakho (Enner Valencia), Mark Noble (Capt) (Perdo Obiang), Angelo Ogbonna, Dimitri Payet, Manuel Lanzini, Emmanuel Emenike (Andy Carroll), Michail Antonio. Subs not used: Darren Randolph, Alex Song, James Tomkins, Victor Moses.

**Crystal Palace:** Wayne Hennessey, Joel Ward, Scott Dann, Yannick Bolasie, Wilfried Zaha (Dwight Gayle), Mile Jedinak (Capt), Pape Souare, Bakary Sako, Damien Delaney, Joe Ledley (Frazier Campbell), Jason Puncheon. Subs not used: Alex McCarthy, Adrian Mariappa, Lee Chung-Yong, Jordan Mutch, Martin Kelly.

**Referee:** Mark Clattenburg

**Assistants:** Simon Beck and Jake Collin

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### Non-league round-up

## Gt Waking look to be almost safe

By Brian Jeeves

GREAT Waking Rovers took a huge step towards Ryman League Division One North survival with a vital 1-0 win over Phoenix Sports at Burroughs Park.

Billy Johnson grabbed the all-important goal for the villagers just before the break, but the hosts had to play out the final 20 minutes with 10 men following the dismissal of defender Stuart Hepburn.

Elsewhere in Division One North, David Fallah hit the only goal of the game as Aveley saw off Barkingside at Mill Field, while Ross Wall, Daniel Francis (penalty) and David Cowley were all on the score sheet as Thurrock romped to a 4-0 win at relegation haunted Redbridge.

Darren McQueen and Kieran Monlouis helped Maldon & Tiptree to a 2-1 success at Soham Town Rangers, and AFC Hornchurch also picked up maximum points as second half goals from George Purcell (penalty) and David Knight saw Brightlingsea Regent beaten at Bridge Avenue.

Tilbury went down 3-2 at Harlow Town, Francis Babalola and Daniel Glozier were on target for the beaten Dockers, and despite an early goal from George Cole, Heybridge Swifts crashed 4-1 at home to Haringey Borough.

East Thurrock United proved to be the region's only winners in the Ryman Premier Division. Ace marksman Sam Higgins grabbed a brace while Tom Wraight also found the net in a 3-1 success at Wingate & Finchley.

Billericay Town and Burgess Hill Town played out a tense goalless draw at New Lodge, but goals from Ker-shane Samuels and Callum Willock saw Merstham to a 2-0 win over Canvey Island at New Lodge.

Two penalties from Enfield Town's Corey White was enough to sink Grays Athletic 2-0, while Brentwood Town endured a tough afternoon at Hampton & Richmond Borough, going down by five goals to one.

Braintree Town suffered their second successive National League defeat as goals from Danny Whitaker (penalty), Danny Rowe and John McCombe earned former Football League outfit Macclesfield Town a 3-1 win at Moss Rose. Simeon Akinola replied for the Iron.

But it was a good day for our National South clubs. Joao Carlos and Ben Greenhalgh scored either side of the break as Concord Rangers won 2-0 at Basinstoke Town, while Billy Bricknell, Bagasan Graham and Mark Hughes helped Chelmsford City to an impressive 3-1 win over Bath City at the Melbourne Stadium.

Essex Senior League leaders FC Romania continued their march towards the title with a 1-0 win over Southend Manor at Southchurch Park Arena, while Basildon United kept up the pressure, winning their derby clash with Hullbridge Sports 2-0. Bowers & Pitsea were 3-0 winners at Sawbridgeworth Town, with Barking triumphed by four goals to two at Wadham Lodge.

Clapton were 2-0 derby winners over Tower Hamlets at the Old Spotted Dog, while Takeley won by the same score against in form Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium.

Elsewhere London Bari won by a single goal at Sporting Bengal United and Stansted thrashed Burnham Ramblers 4-0 at Leslie Field.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Harold Wood Athletic win their Premier Division clash with Hannakins Farm 5-0.

In Division One Leigh Ramblers edged out Shenfield AFC by the odd goal in seven, while in Division Two Catholic United were the big winners of the day, hammering Old Barkabbeyans 11-1

## Bannister gets off to an impressive start

A BASILDON racing driver is living the dream after securing two second place class finishes on his debut.

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